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## PROCEEDINGS

### DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At a Meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee for Pocahontas County, West Virginia, held at the office of the undersigned Chairman on the 11th day of April, 1908, there were present W. J. Yeager, J. D. Carr, J. J. Coyner, T. S. McNeil their proxy, E. N. Moore, J. C. Harper, I. B. Moore and W. H. Grose by E. M. McClintie their proxy, H. W. McNeil their proxy, C. L. Burder, Andrew Price, E. L. Holt, T. S. McNeil, T. A. Bruffy, and A. C. Young.

It is ordered that a convention be held at the Court House of said county on the 2nd day of May, 1908 at 1 p. m., to elect delegates to the Congressional Convention; to the District Delegate Convention at Hinton, May 26th; to the State Delegate Convention and Judicial Convention at Wheeling, May 28th, and to the State Convention at Charleston, July 29th, and to choose a new executive committee for this County. Every Democratic voter in the county is considered a Delegate to said County Convention, and the delegates of each district of the county shall be chosen from and by the voters from said district.

It is further ordered that the county nominee be selected by primary to be held on Saturday, May 23rd, 1908, to nominate a democratic candidate for sheriff, House of Delegates, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, Assessor, Surveyor, Clerk of county court, Clerk of circuit court and the district officers of Justice of the Peace, Constable, and members of the Board of Education, the following rules governing such primary being adopted.

1. All Democrats are invited to vote in this primary, but every one voting must be a legal voter of this county that is, entitled to cast a vote at the general election next.

2. The voting shall be by ballot, and the names of all candidates for offices to be voted for shall be on a single ballot, the candidates for each office to be grouped together under a heading specifying for what office they offer. The voter shall erase all the names on the ballot except those for whom he casts his vote, but no voter shall vote for more than one candidate for each office, and in such case the voter shall be considered as having erased all the names of the candidates for said office.

3. The places of holding said elections shall be at the voting places established and used in the general election of 1904 and at the same building, except at Marlinton one place and except Hosterman, which place has been added.

4. The polls shall be kept open from sunrise to sunset (but the commissioners are empowered to provide a second ballot box and open the ballot box previously used and commence to count the vote at 4 p. m., receiving votes that may be cast before sunset by depositing them in the ballot box provided for this purpose.

5. The primary shall be conducted at each voting place by three commissioners hereinafter appointed. Said commissioners shall be sworn by some one legally authorized to administer an oath, to conduct the primary election in fairness and impartiality, and in accordance to these instructions. Said Commissioners are entitled to employ two clerks. The commissioners and clerks will each receive \$1.50 from the funds in the hands of the ballot commission-

ers for the days work. They shall keep two lists of the persons voting. They shall make a statement of the number of votes cast and for whom, and shall sign and give said returns, together with tally sheets and ballots sealed in the same package, to one of the members of the Democratic Executive Committee of this county to carry the same before the committee which is hereby called to meet at the same place before the committee which is hereby called to meet to canvass the returns of said primary election on the 25th day of May at 1 o'clock p. m. at which time they shall ascertain and declare the nominees selected by this primary. A quorum of said meeting shall consist of four or more members. The said sealed returns may be mailed to the chairman or a secretary to be presented to the committee at this meeting.

6. The candidate receiving the largest number of votes in the county cast for the office for which he offers shall be declared nominated. This committee, in event of a contest, shall decide said contest, by a careful canvass and count of the ballots, and in case of a tie, then the executive committee in full session shall decide between the two candidates as to which shall be the nominee.

7. J. W. Yeager, C. W. Price are appointed ballot commissioners to arrange for the printing and framing of said ballot. Every person desiring to be voted for in said primary shall forward to said ballot commission his announcement in writing, accompanied by the sum of \$15.00 to help defray the expenses of printing the ballots and holding said election if he be a candidate for Sheriff, House of Delegates, Prosecuting Attorney, or Assessor or Clerk \$5.00 for County Commissioner and Surveyor, and \$2.50 for any district office. The said ballot commissioners shall forward check for \$7.50 with ballots for Clerk and Commissioner.

The said ballot commissioners shall cause to be printed a sufficient number of ballots to supply each candidate with all that he requires, and shall forward to each voting place in care of one of the commissioners of election a sufficient number to supply the voters of said precinct, said candidates must forward their names an assessment to the ballot commissioners on or before the 9th day of May, 1908.

8. Any voter of the county may vote for county officers outside of the precinct in which he resides, on his making oath in the presence of the commissioners before some one legally qualified to administer an oath, that he is a bona fide voter of this county, and has not previously voted in this primary.

9. No ballot other than that issued by the ballot commissioners heretofore provided for shall be voted or counted.

10. The candidates for State Senator of 10th district shall be voted for in said primary the number being applied the person receiving the majority of the votes cast to be allowed to select his own delegates. Any person offering for this office shall pay the said ballot commissioners the sum of \$15.00 if he desire his name to be placed on said ballot on or before May 9, 1908.

The following persons are hereby appointed to serve as commissioners to conduct the election at the precinct named; and in case any of such commissioners fail to attend his place shall be supplied by the voters present.

Greenbank—W. A. Gladwell, J. P. Woodall, W. A. Lightner, Dunmore—H. M. Moore, Fred Pritchard, and Browns McLaughlin Dunlevie—A. M. V. Arbogast, P. M. Yeager and C. M. Keller, Cass—William Jackson, J. J. McLaughlin, John W. Carpenter,



Hon. Andrew Price, of Pocahontas county, the member of the State Committee, who introduced the Bryan Resolution and who is probable Democratic Candidate for Congress in the 3rd District.

Hosterman—W. R. Burton, J. W. R. Collins, and James S. Collins.  
Durbin—J. F. Folks, A. J. Stoner, C. L. Curris.  
Huntersville—C. L. Moore, J. H. Doyle, S. P. Curry.  
Frost—Wise Herold, M. F. Herold and J. A. Petterson.  
Marlinton—T. C. Courtney, G. M. Kee, John Gay,  
Edray—G. W. Mann, Lee Carter, John D. Gay.  
Split Rock—Eugene Gatewood, John Varner, J. T. Real.  
Cloverlick—J. O. Mann, Luther Coyner, J. R. Poage.  
Academy—W. W. Beard, C. J. Culling, J. C. Campbell.  
Millpoint—M. Rockman, E. S. McClure, W. Wade.  
Lobelia—J. A. Young, L. P. Curry, H. W. Hull.  
T. S. McNEIL, Chairman.  
T. A. BRUFFY, Secretary.

### THE WEST VIRGINIA HILLS

(W. Va. Christian Endeavor Song)  
Oh, the happy hills of time  
As we make our journey home,  
Rearing lordly from the valleys  
Noble crest and shining dome!  
With their summits bath'd in light  
And the shadows down below,  
While they stand as giant sentries  
By the paths where mortals go.

CHORUS,  
O the hills, beautiful hills,  
How I love those West Virginia hills!  
But the hills of light above, in the land of perfect love,  
They are fairer than the West Virginia hills.

Oh, the hills of time are fair  
With the glory of the earth,  
With the blossoms of Endeavor  
And the golden fruit of worth,  
But the holy hills of heaven  
Which the angels' feet have trod,  
Are a-light with all the glory  
Of our Saviour and our God!

On the hills of time below  
How the storms in fury beat!  
How the rough and rocky pathway  
Harshly wears the weary feet!  
But the happy hills of God  
Banish weariness and pain,  
Not a joy is marred by sorrow,  
And their glory all is gain.

Let us dare these hills below,  
Let us tread the rugged road,  
Let us bear the heavy burdens,  
Let us sing beneath the load,  
Let us face the mountain path,  
Falling not in doubt or fear,  
Till the hills of time are ended  
And the hills of God appear.

### McNeil—Lightner

A highly picturesque and interesting nuptial event transpired on the River View Lawn, at 6:15 p. m., April 8, 1908, when Mr. Cayborne Parke McNeil and Miss Nellie Evaline Lightner were united in marriage by Rev. Wm. T. Price, D. D., while seated in their carriage and a copious April shower in the meanwhile passing by.

Mr. McNeil is the only son of the late Joshua B. McNeil and Mrs. Addie (nee Buckley) McNeil of Buckeye and is a well known young merchant. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lightner of Marlinton vicinity and is a very prepossessing and much respected young person. The parties were attended by the two sisters and the youngest brother of the bride. Immediately after the ceremony and the conventional congratulations, the parties set out for a drive of four miles to Buckeye where a reception awaited at the home of Mrs. Addie McNeil. Hundreds of friends and relatives devoutly in voke upon these young persons in their new relations, all that may be implied by a happy marriage.

### The Uniform Examinations

State Superintendent of Schools Miller, in reply to an inquiry, gives the dates of the uniform examinations this year. The letter of Mr. Miller follows:

"Replying to your inquiry of recent date I desire to say that the examinations for 1908 will be held on the following dates:

"May 21 and 22.  
"July 23 and 24.  
"September 11 and 12.

"For these examinations the following subdivision of the subject of General History has been made:

"May examination, Roman History.  
"July examination, English History.  
"September examination, History of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, not including English History."

TROUS C. MILLER.

W. H. Hiner went to Hinton Sunday to be present at an operation to be performed upon his wife.

Greenbrier Presbytery will meet at this place next Tuesday, April 21st.

### A MEMORIAL TRIBUTE

George Baxter, Esq. lately deceased near Edray, West Virginia is the subject of this biographic appreciation. He was born near Ounto, February 26, 1843. His parents were Squire William Baxter and Elizabeth Barlow, a daughter of the venerable John Barlow, whose memory is revered as an Israelite indeed, in whom there was no guile. William Baxter was a son of Col. John Baxter, a prominent in the organization Pocahontas county. Col. Baxter was a near relative of the Rev. Dr. George Baxter of Virginia, one of the presidents of Washington College, Lexington, and whose life closed while a professor of Theology, Union Theological Seminary, Hampden Sydney, Va. Dr. Baxter appears in the history of American Presbyterianism as one of the most eminent ministers of his time, sixty or seventy years ago. Persons familiar with Dr. Baxter's personal appearance would have been impressed by the similarity of form and features that characterized the subject of this memorial article.

Mr. Baxter was married twice. The first marriage was celebrated January 4, 1866, with Sarah Ann Poage, daughter of James Rankin Poage near Edray, who was a legal descendant of Robert Poage, one of the noted pioneers of Augusta county, being a great grand son. The children of this marriage are Willis, Birdie, Adam, Allie, Georgia and Ellis.

The second marriage occurred February 16, 1889, with Margaret Jane Cassell, a granddaughter of Jacob Cassell, a noted pioneer of our county and whose family did so much in recovering from a rugged and remote forest wilderness and developing one of the more really prosperous sections of our great county, the "Back Alleghany." The children of this union are Myrtle, Bessie, Frank, Mabel, Edith, and Harry. The second wife and all of the twelve children survive him and were at the burial except Ellis, an engineer, living in Chicago.

For a few years Mr. Baxter was a teacher of schools, and for twenty-five years he was county surveyor, but for thirty-seven years surveying lands and locating roads was his chief occupation. Some one speaks of surveying as an art that all mankind know that they cannot live peacefully without it is near hand as ancient as the world. For how could men set down to plant without knowing some distinction and boundary of their land. But necessity being the mother of invention, we find the Egyptians, by reason of the Nile's overflowing, which either washed away all their bound marks, or covered them all over with mud, brought this measuring of land first into an art, and honored much the possessors of it.

Mr. Baxter was a member of the Marlinton Presbyterian church and at the time of his death was one of the senior Ruling Elders. He was esteemed a wise counsellor, and proved himself by a service of more than fifteen years a faithful supporter of the endeavors of the Eldership in so far as he was enabled to see the duties that came to his hand. He could be relied on to be in his place at Sunday school, the regular appointments for public worship and sacramental services. And though his family is bereaved of husband and father, his neighborhood of one of the best of citizens, his congregation of a conscientious adherent and faithful official member, and the commonwealth of Pocahontas county one of its most reliable and substantial citizens, and official servants, yet I am impressed with the opinion that it would be hard to find

any instance of bereavement having more reasons for consolation in a fact like this, that when his life's history and the character developed by that life, be marked and observed that from early youth to the time of his decease, all stand for christian piety, sincerity of heart and personal fidelity to all duties assigned him, whether public or personal. It is the opinion of those who know Mr. Baxter's history best by early and long acquaintance that the memorial text used in the funeral exercises, was in all respects exemplified by his character, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright for the end of that man is peace." Psalm 37: 37.

What will linger in the memories of his family, and hundreds of attached friends and relatives as fondly remembered words, are to this purpose: "I pray God to forgive me of every sin I have committed against Him. And I desire every person to forgive me for any evil that I may have done in any way whatsoever.

On Sabbath morning April 5th at about 7:15, the peaceful and came, that awaits the perfect and upright. Monday afternoon from 2 o'clock to 4, were passed in the funeral exercises. The interment was in the Edray cemetery, in the presence of one of the largest assemblages ever gathered at that place of tears. And while the sympathetic and bereaved ones were dispersing for their homes the setting sun, seemingly attended by golden clouds lingered here and there upon the horizon pointed its radiant beams hopeful upward. Something like this may have prompted the royal mourner of a far away desert to exclaim, "As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away, so he that geth down to the grave shall come up no more. He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more." Job, 7: 9, 10.

Pensively and tearfully, very many seemed to be on their homeward way with feelings fitly expressed by some of the best words spoken at the grave. "Life's duty done securely laid In this his last retreat, Unheeded o'er his silent dust The storms of life may beat."

We met our friend Ed. L. Warren, of Lewisburg, who has recently forsaken the straight and narrow path of the printer for the broad and devious way of the real estate dealer. He seems to have learned well his new tricks for he rattled along so about the wonderful propositions he had listed that with our most approved method of short hand were only able to note that he had three fine farms near Hillboro, one with fine oak timber on Loent creek, a number of finest Greenbrier blue grass farms, and some of the best tracts of timber land in the state. In fact, he seems to have everything but a white elephant and a steamboat, and he will list these if any body wants a buyer.

Sam Jackson, on Elk, came near losing his house by fire Wednesday of last week. The cellar house caught wash fire, and soon the dwelling was in flames. Four neighbors heard the alarm and after a hard fight gave up and began carrying out the household goods. The cellar house, how ever fell in, enabling the men to fight from the outside. After a hard scrimmage the Ironclads were victorious and the home saved. Early in the action John D. Gibson sprained his ankle badly but his nerve never failed him and he continued to carry water through his leg soon swelled to twice its usual size and became black.

Dear Editor:

For years the people of this State have been asking the Legislature for State uniformity of text books. Every county in the State at Teacher's Institutes has annually made this demand by resolution. At every session such legislation has been blocked by the Book Companies. In Ohio, in Virginia, in Kentucky—in nearly every other State in the Union the same school book is sold for less money to the pupil than in this State. The reason is obvious. Other states enter into state contracts with publishers, at competitive sealed bid prices providing for the use and sale of such books for the entire state. In West Virginia the Book Companies "work" for county book boards. Every publisher spends about \$10,000 for legitimate expenses in samples and high priced agency work in making the fight every few years. How much is spent illegitimately is a matter of guess, the people pay for it. Every county has a different series of books. Poor people crossing the county border line must throw away all their books and purchase an entirely new series. Everything is so arranged for the sale of the greatest number of books. Surely this is not a matter of even good common sense. The same book that is sold for \$1.00 in this State is sold by state contract for 65 cents in an adjoining state. How long will the people stand for this outrage and tax on education?

At the last special session of the legislature half a dozen bills were introduced providing for State Board and State uniformity of text books. The House passed a measure by almost a unanimous vote; but it was killed in the senate, as reported by the newspapers.

Why can't the people have a Senate that will not be controlled by the Book Trust? We are about to elect Senators who will serve in the next regular session of the Legislature. No issue is more vital to education and to the people than this one. How do the candidates from this District stand on the question? How will they vote, if elected to represent us? Let every candidate place himself on record, by publicly defining his attitude, and whether or not he will support a measure providing for State uniformity of text books. Some of us teachers and school patrons want to know who we are voting for to represent us at Charleston on this question. If we are to have a system of state uniformity of examinations, we want to know whether our Senators and Delegates will support a measure providing for state uniformity of text-books, at the regular session of the legislature next January, or whether the Book Companies will be permitted again to control the question.

A Citizen.

Watoga, W. Va.

### Fiduciary Notice.

The following fiduciaries have filed their accounts before the undersigned commissioner of accounts for settlement to wit:

Samuel Sheets, administrator of Mrs. N. J. Rock.  
R. D. Rimmel, administrator of Mrs. M. C. Rimmel.  
H. N. Hannah, administrator of William A. McClure.  
Robert Gibson, administrator of William Gibson.  
Nannie E. Beard, guardian of Mrs. Grace Irvine.

T. S. McNEIL, Admr.

J. W. Hill, who has been confined to his room by a crippled leg caused by a blow with a baseball, is able to get around on crutches.